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1. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT THE GERMAN AND BRITISH GOVERNMENTS WILL SEND REPLY DECEMBER 8 TO SYG LUNS' COMMUNICATION OF NOVEMBER 23 ON CCG AND 133RD REPORT AND THAT THEY HOPE THEY WILL NOT BE ONLY ONES TO DO SO.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THEIR REPLIES MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. THEIR GOVERNMENTS SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE CCG WHOSE REPRESENTATIVES ACT IN NAME OF AND ON BEHALF OF GOVERNMENTS.

B. DETAILED CCG MINUTES SHOW THAT SECSGEN AND STAFF ASSOCIATIONS REPS HAVE BEEN GIVEN AMPLE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS VIEWS, AND COMPROMISES HAVE BEEN MADE IN PREPARATION OF 133RD REPORT.

C. 133RD REPORT SHOULD BE APPROVED ASAP.

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3. WE SEE VALUE IN A PRO-FORMA US REPLY, AS A WAY OF SUPPORTING

UK AND FRG EFFORTS AND FURTHERING US OBJECTIVES. MOREOVER, LUNS DOUBTLESS IS AWARE HIS NOVEMBER 23 COMMUNICATION OVER-STATES CCG SHORTCOMINGS, AND WE BELIEVE IT MAY BE DESIGNED TO SET THE STAGE FOR RESTRUCTURING CCG AFTER 133RD REPORT IS ADOPTED. IN THIS CONNECTION, LUNS' DIRECTEUR DE CABINET VAN CAMPEN (PROTECT SCRUPULOUSLY) TELLS US THAT SECSGEN PLAN EVENTUALLY TO PROPOSE (A) ROTATING NATIONAL CHAIRMANSHIP FOR CCG AND (B) ESTABLISHMENT BY COUNCIL(S) OF TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR CCG, WHICH HE SAYS SECSGEN BELIEVE IS NOW TOO FREE-WHEELING. WE DISCERN IN THE LATTER A POSSIBLE ATTEMPT TO MOVE IN THE DIRECTION OF GAINING MORE "AUTHORITY" FOR INDIVIDUAL COUNCILS OVER CCG ACTIONS, AND PERHAPS ALSO SOME NEGOTIATING ROOM FOR NATO STAFF ASSOCIATION WITH DELEGATIONS ON SALARY ISSUES.

4. WE RECOMMEND THAT WE BE AUTHORIZED TO REPLY TO SYG LUNS AS FOLLOWS:

"I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO REPLY, ON BEHALF OF MY AUTHORITIES, TO THE POINTS YOU RAISED IN YOUR MEMORANDUM OF NOVEMBER 23 CONCERNING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE AND THE NEED TO AGREE ON A COST-OF-LIVING ADVANCE BEFORE A FINAL DECISION IS MADE ON THE 133RD REPORT.

"MY AUTHORITIES HAVE GIVEN THE MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO YOUR MEMORANDUM AND APPRECIATE THE CONCERNS YOU HAVE EXPRESSED. THEY CONTINUE TO BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT THE CCG REMAINS AN EFFECTIVE MEANS OF COORDINATING THE VIEWS OF THE MEMBER GOVERNMENTS AS EXPRESSED THROUGH THEIR REPRESENTATIVES, AND THAT THE SPEEDIEST WAY TO ACHIEVE THE DESIRED COST-OF-LIVING ADVANCE IS THROUGH RAPID APPROVAL OF THE 133RD REPORT. THIS REPORT REPRESENTS THE CONSENSUS OF THE MEMBER GOVERNMENTS, AND WAS THE RESULT OF LONG, CAREFUL NEGOTIATION. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THE US REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CCG RECEIVED FULL INSTRUCTIONS FROM MY AUTHORITIES, ONLY AFTER THEY HAD CONSIDERED MOST CAREFULLY THE VIEWS OF SECRETARIES GENERAL AND STAFF ASSOCIATIONS."

END TEXT.

5. ACTION REQUEST: GUIDANCE ON PROPOSED RESPONSE TO LUNS' LETTER. STRAUZ-HUPE UNQTE ROBINSON

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